

# SPORTS

## VICTORY AT THE FINISH

Igor Bokov, 21, from the town of Angren in Uzbekistan, has won his first ever national road race title. With the finishing line only several metres away he spurred to win the 108 km massed start individual race along the "Niemen noose" outside Kaunas in 4 hr 35 min 49 sec. Runner-up Yuri Kashurin, from Rostov-on-Don, an Olympic finalist, and third-placed Sergei Pribyl, from Alma-Ata, were only a second behind.

The new champion already won the many-day international "Victory Race" across Czechoslovakia this season and came second in the "Luxembourg Tour".

After winning the title, he had to cancel his flight to Tashkent, as his itinerary was sharply changed.

"Bokov will be among the debutants in our team for the world championships due in late August in Czechoslovakia," said national team coach Viktor Kapitonov. "He has long caught our eye, but has accelerated the course of events himself."

Prior to the championships Soviet cyclists will compete in international meets in Belgium and Czechoslovakia.

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Galina Tsaryova, from Leningrad, has won her 20th national title to date winning a 70-km bunch race in 2 hr 22 min 41 sec. She won her first title 12 years ago.

## OVERT SLIPS UP

Strong gusty wind and rain prevented 1980 Olympic champion Steven Ovett of Britain from improving his 1,500 m world record of 3 min 31.36 sec. Competing at an international

meet in Bergen, Norway, he clocked 3 min 34.63 sec. Henry Rono of Kenya, long-distance running world record holder, won the 3,000 m in 7 min 58.8 sec.



The men's national field hockey championship is now in full swing. With several teams having a good chance of winning medals, Moscow FII and the Sverdlovsk Army Club are among the favourites. But at this match Moscow was the lucky side and won 3-2.

Photo by Pyotr Sergeyev



● The Lenin Central Stadium hosted two international tournaments this week. Athletes from 16 countries, some of them working up to the World and European Cups, competed in the Large Sports Arena, with the hosts capturing most of the events. The photo shows Alexei Danyanuk's winning jump; he cleared 233 cm, the highest mark yet this season. ● The USSR and Poland clashed in the ongoing Druzhba water polo junior tournament.

Photos by Sergei Proskov and Yuri Tutov

## 'MAPLE LEAVES' HOT UP THE PACE

On September 1, the new Canada Cup gets under way. Canada, which is tipped a strong favourite for the title, has already won the trophy before back in 1976.

Celebrated Scotty Bowman, who coached the 1976 winning squad will lead Canada at this Cup, too.

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## FOOTBALL STATISTICS IN SPOTLIGHT

UEFA has released some figures from the latest football European tournament. An average 2.83 goals were scored every game approximately the same as in the previous season. A total of 718 goals were scored in 254 games. 166 goals were scored in the European Winner's Cup (an average 2.63 goals a game), 176 (2.71) in the Cup Winners' Cup, and 376 (2.98) in the UEFA Cup.

Fifty-one of the 254 games were draws, four games needed extra time, and two UEFA games were decided by penalties.

The games were for most part closely fought—one indication of it is that the yellow card was used against 1,570 players, 16 players were sent off, and one stadium was disqualified.

According to UEFA, its biggest headache is still the behaviour of fans accompanying their teams for away games. Tougher measures will be used against football hools in the future for reprehensible behaviour.

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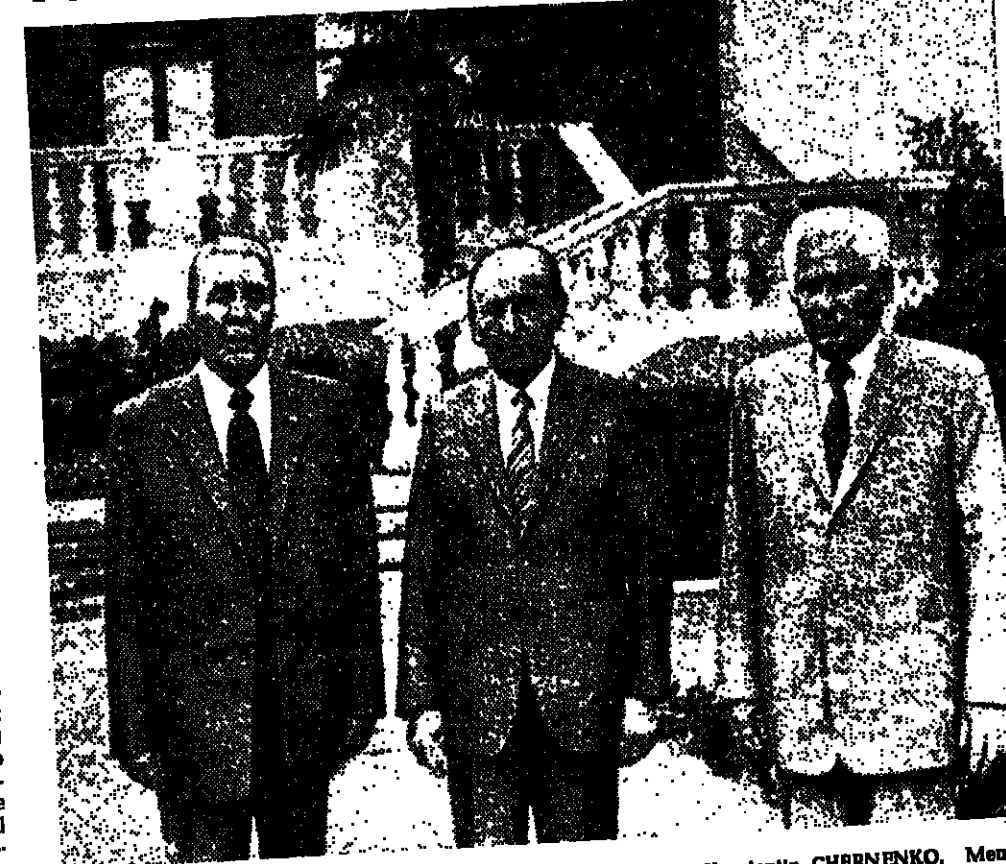
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## Leonid BREZHNEV and Todor ZHIVKOV met in the Crimea



On photo (left to right): Leonid BREZHNEV, Todor ZHIVKOV, and Konstantin CHERNENKO, Member of the Politbureau of the CPSU Central Committee, Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, during the meeting in the Crimea.

## PEACE MARCH-81 COMES TO A CLOSE

Paris. The participants of Peace March-81 ended their stay in France with a "peace festival". Stormy applause greeted the final resolutions, which emphasized the great success in mobilizing public opinion in a stepped-up drive by progressives for halting the lethal arms race.

The march participants have decided to stage a mass rally in Bonn, this October, to protest against the deployment of new US nuclear medium-range missiles in the FRG, and to organize a new peace march in Western Europe, in 1982.

The US Administration's decision to launch on the full-scale production of neutron weapons was condemned.

Cruise missiles to be deployed in Sicily

Rome. The Council of Ministers of Italy has taken a decision to deploy 112 US-made cruise missiles on the island of Sicily, as part of the NATO plan, adopted in December 1979, to install the so-called medium-range Euro-missiles.

Addressing members of the Italian government, Defence Minister L. Laogorio, Socialist

## 'INTERCOSMOS-BULGARIA 1300' SPUTNIK IN FLIGHT

The Soviet Union launched the "Interkosmos-Bulgaria 1300" satellite. The main purpose of the satellite is the continuation of comprehensive studies of physical processes taking place in the Earth's ionosphere and magnetosphere.

Scientific equipment on board the satellite has been designed

and created by scientists and specialists of the People's Republic of Bulgaria with assistance of Soviet scientists and is meant for the studies of ionospheric plasma and high energy fluxes of charged particles, constant and variable electric magnetic fields, the glow of the upper layers of the atmosphere in

the ultraviolet and visible parts of the bands of the spectrum. The onboard systems of the satellite are functioning normally.

The information received will be processed and analyzed by scientific organizations of the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

## CUBAN LEADER ENDS TALKS IN MEXICO

Mexico City. Of the island of Cozumel, talks have ended between Fidel Castro Ruz and the Mexican President José López Portillo.

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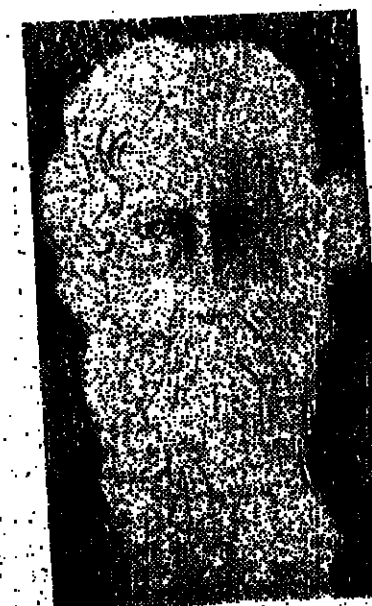
## TAGORE OPENS FESTIVAL

Month-long celebrations of the USSR-Indian Friendship dedicated to anniversaries of the Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation between the two countries have become traditional. This year, they are held to mark a decade since this document was signed.

In the Soviet Union, the extensive programme of the festivities was launched with an exhibition of paintings by the great Indian writer, humanist and philosopher Rabindranath Tagore. It is mounted at the Moscow Artists Club where 85 paintings and graphic sheets are on display.

Rabindranath Tagore personifies an entire epoch in the history of the Indian people—the period of the fight for independence and resurgence of national culture, said Yevgeny Chekharin, Deputy Minister of Culture of the USSR at the opening ceremony. The spiritual legacy of this great man is boundless. It is the second time the Soviet people are being introduced to his art, he noted. The first exhibition back in 1930 when he visited Moscow was a big success. Tagore's paintings are highly realistic and breathe poetry and emotion, and in spirit and aesthetic principles carry on the age-old traditions of Indian culture.

We are grateful, he emphasized, that the exhibition opens up the annual Month of Soviet-Indian Friendship marking the 10th anniversary of the bilateral Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation.



V. K. Abudja, Indian Ambassador to the USSR, who attended the ceremony, expressed his gratitude to the National Gallery of Modern Art in Delhi and the USSR Ministry of Culture for the arrangement of Tagore's exhibition in Moscow and Leningrad and said he was sure the acquaintance of the Soviet public with Tagore's heritage would promote friendship between the Indian and Soviet peoples.

Igor DANILIN

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## Round the Soviet Union

● THE WEST KAZAKHSTAN RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE KAZAKH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS CALLED UPON TO SPEED UP THE EXPLOITATION OF A VAST DESERT AREA BETWEEN THE CASPIAN AND THE ARAL SEAS. Its first institution, a department of the Institute of Chemistry, oil and natural salts, recently opened in the town of Novy Uzen in the Mangyshlak region, is to study the very viscous oil produced there.

● DOZENS OF CHILDREN FROM ALL UNION REPUBLICS HAVE WON AWARDS AT THE NATIONWIDE COMPETITION, "YOUNG TECHNICIANS AND NATURE-LOVERS—TO THE NATIVE LAND", HELD IN TBILISI, CAPITAL OF GEORGIA. Most of the projects presented have much practical value and will be introduced in industry, agriculture and other sectors. The authors of the most valuable projects were awarded diplomas and special prizes.

● COLD SPRINGS AROUNDING ON THE SLOPES OF THE LORI MOUNTAINS IN ARMENIA HAVE HAD THEIR COURSES CHANGED. A ten-kilometre canal built among rocks is bringing crystal-clear drinking water to farmers' homes. Over twenty such powerful facilities have come into service in Armenia since the start of this year.

● THE RETAYA WOOD-WORKING COMBINE IN LITHUANIA PRODUCES ANNUALLY NEARLY 32,000 CHILDREN'S BEDS AND 18,000 CHILDREN'S ARM-CHAIRS, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER ITEMS. MANY OF WHICH ARE SHIPPED TO THE FAR EAST AND THE BAM WORKERS. Recently the combine started the production of some more consumer goods, many of which are sought after abroad. Some of them will be sold to Sweden and Britain later this year.

## KINDERGARTEN ON THE DNIEPER

Noted Soviet futurologist Igor Bestuzhev-Lada believes that at the close of this century attendance at creches and kindergartens will be made obligatory, for roughly the same reasons as children are made to go to school today. Kindergartens are no longer places where an eye is kept on children while the parents are at work. Here, today, children are taught the rudiments of knowledge to various areas. Specialists have proved that thanks to modern teaching methods children can be taught to read at the age of two, write at three, and learn the ABC of algebra at seven without this being an excessive strain.



These photos were taken at the Zvyozdochka kindergarten run by a big factory in Kiev, capital of the Ukraine. It caters daily for 200 children aged between one and seven. It costs 30 roubles to keep a child to this kindergarten a month, but the parents pay only one-third of this sum—and not all of them, pay even this amount.

Those with small incomes pay a mere six roubles and those with many children pay nothing. There is nothing exceptional about the way factory runs its kindergarten: the state foots four-fifths of the bill for the upkeep of children in kindergartens nationwide.

The children enjoy themselves at Zvyozdochka: they learn to draw and sculpt, and study maths and English. The kindergarten has rooms for music, dancing, sports, games and study and has its own art gallery.

Doctors keep a close watch over the children and often meet their parents to give them advice on how to ensure that their offspring grow up into healthy youngsters: they suggest improved diet and daily routine. The charges at the Zvyozdochka kindergarten receive regular checks by surgeons, physiotherapists, dentists and other specialists. During a fly outbreak in Kiev this spring none of the Zvyozdochka charges were taken ill, which gives credit to the medical staff there.

At present, in the USSR, every other urban child and every third child in rural areas attend some form of pre-school institution. More such facilities with places for up to 2,500,000 will be built in the 11th five-year plan period (1981-1985).

## WATER DISTRIBUTED BY COMPUTER

A computer distributes the water resources of the River Zervavan in Uzbekistan. It specifies the behaviour of flows feeding the reservoirs. This is the first time that it has become possible to control such a vast system of water resources in the Soviet Union. The Samarkand regional irrigation systems alone, fed by the waters of the Zervavan, consist of 15,000 km of canals, hundreds of hydrotechnical facilities and dozens of pumping stations. And this river irrigates vast areas in other regions as well.

The Zervavan itself is full of surprises. The behaviour of the thawing glaciers in the river's upper reaches is changing, as is the behaviour of underground streams and springs in the lower reaches. Meanwhile, the river's waters are swollen by rushing rainwater. Therefore, before they embarked on compiling a programme for the automatic control of the river, experts from Moscow, Tashkent and Samarkand studied a host of natural phenomena and got to grips with the technology of growing cotton and other crops.

## A NEW TV TOWER FOR ALMA-ATA

Work has finished on a new TV tower for Alma-Ata capital of Kazakhstan. Together with its aerial, the tower at present is 332 metres high.

To reach its full projected height, the aerial has to go up by another 30 metres. This job will be done in windless, clear and calm weather. The tower has to be able to stand winds of up to 12.4 metres per second—which are not abnormal for the given zone and height.

In order to ensure that the giant structure is made less vulnerable to seismic and wind loads, a so-called dynamic damper to reduce metal fatigue, will be mounted on it.

## Places to visit



## 'Stone flower' in Red Square

St Basil's, one of the most remarkable pieces of Russian architecture was built in Red Square in 1555, to mark the victory of the Russian army over the Kazan and Astrakhan khans.

The main church with its tent-like cupola is surrounded by an octagonal by eight small chapels having the onion-shaped domes peculiar to Russian architecture. A gallery runs round the chapels which are named after the saints in whose name the Russian army won its successive battles against the Tatars.

At first, the cathedral in Red Square was called the Intercession Cathedral. Late in the 16th century it was renamed St Basil's after the well-known town fool credited with having saved the Tsar.

Time played havoc with the marvels of St Basil's. The paint on its walls was washed off by the rains and the brickwork became eroded. Today, thanks to the skill of restorers, St Basil's has regained its original beauty. During the process of cleaning, original 17th-century ornamental paintings were discovered on the outer walls. Today the church is once again decorated with delicate patterns incorporating the abundant fantasy of the original artists' designs.

The multicoloured cupola and the pointed arches of the tower are again decked in the bright colours they received in 1848. It is known that before this date they were covered with the iron which gave out a silvery sheen. And what did they originally look like? At this we can only guess, for, as we know from ancient manuscripts, the church burnt down in a fire of 1883.

## PURE AIR FOR CAR WORKS

An original cupola gas purification system has gone into operation at the Minsk Motor Works. It neutralizes carbonic oxide, dangerous to human beings, and destroys solid coke combustion products.

Now the content of harmful substances in waste gases in

the process of pig-iron smelting is over twice below that of permissible sanitary norms.

The new system was designed by scientists at the Byelorussian Polytechnical Institute, while all the necessary equipment was made by the plant's metallurgical and power engineers.

## Science and technology

## ENCYCLOPAEDIA FOR THE BLIND

A talking encyclopaedia has been developed by the laboratory of computer linguistics at the Institute of Language and Literature of the Estonian SSR Academy of Sciences. This means that the blind will now be able to make use of the materials contained in these reference books. The various volumes of the encyclopaedia have been fed onto a computer and are available on one cassette.

## TO FORECAST EARTHQUAKES

Scientists in Kirghizia use the geochemical method to detect precursors of earthquakes. The country's first set of instruments—Prognoz—developed by specialists from the V. Vernadsky Institute of Geochemistry and Analytical Chemistry of the USSR Academy of Sciences, has started operation at a bore-hole not far from the Issyk-Ala resort in Tien Shan.

## BLAST SPEEDS UP BUILDING

A peaceful explosion took place recently at a factory in Kalinin.

The reconstruction plans for the plant entailed removing the many-metre-long reinforced concrete equipment basements. Engineers calculated that, if pickhammers were used, demolition

work would take a month and the plant wouldn't succeed in completing the job on time. It was, therefore, decided to involve explosive experts. It took them a few hours to drill holes, lay charges, and cover the foundations with sand-bags and beams to deaden the blast.

## WIND POWER IN KAZAKHSTAN

Kazakhstan's engineers have designed special pylons on which dynamos will be mounted to produce electric energy from the wind. The pylons have to be able to stand up to the pressure of the strongest squalls.

In many districts of Kazakhstan, for example, in the Balkhash area, dominant winds make it possible to use windmills to generate cheap energy which can be used, for instance, to get water out of wells, and to supply electricity to remote pastures. A wide use of wind power plants is envisaged all over the republic, especially in the desert areas.

## POLYMER REPLACEMENT FOR TIMBER

Diabase plastic is a new building material which will help reduce the consumption of timber. Timber is, unfortunately, still being used for mine roofing. Diabase plastic is much more durable and has shown greater resistance to moisture and fire than wood, say Alma-Ata scientists. Diabase, the raw material, on which this new timber substitute is based, was discovered in the rock to the north of Lake Balkhash.

## MEDICAL SERVICE FOR BABIES AT HOME

A new form of medical supervision for infants under one year of age—stationary treatment at home—has been introduced in towns and villages of Tajikistan.

Large families are traditional for Tajikistan. This makes it difficult for a nursing mother, should her baby fall ill, to leave her family and be admitted to hospital. The aim of microstationary service, which has been set up in the republic,

is, therefore, to provide all necessary medical care for sick babies at home. In such cases the patient is looked after by the local district doctor and polyclinic nurse. The nurse calls at the house 3 to 4 times a day, and in grave cases, is on duty throughout the day. A special ambulance, made over to the service by the polyclinic helps doctors keep a permanent check on the condition of their infant patients.

## An American on the Russian revolution

The Far Eastern film studios has produced a documentary under the title "Sovdet". It is based on the book by the progressive American publicist Albert Rhys Williams "Through the Russian Revolution", about his impression of a tour of Siberia and the Far East in 1917-1918.

Williams was not only an eyewitness but also a participant in the struggle for the establishment of Soviet power in the Far East.

The film makes use of historical documents and of the reminiscences of the participants in the events of those years.

## New supplement for 'Sovietische Heimland'

With the appearance of "In Our Odessa" by Nade Lurie, a veteran prose writer, Sovetskaya Pustel (Soviet Writer) Publishers have started bringing out belles-lettres in Yiddish in the form of a supplement to the "Sovietische Heimland" (Soviet Motherland) magazine.

Lurie has worked for 50 years in the literary field. His stories and novels, well known to Soviet and foreign readers, have been published in the USSR and in many other countries in Russian, Ukrainian, Yiddish and other languages.

## VIEWPOINT

## SPUTNIK INVITES YOU



Yevgeny RYBINSKY, Chairman, Sputnik, Bureau for International Youth Travel

Summer is considered to be the height of the tourist season. While the older person prefers a quiet holiday at a rest home or by the sea, the young like to spend their summer in a variety of unusual ways. Sputnik is always ready to help both Soviet and foreign young people make the best out of their holidays.

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Vastly popular are bus treks across the Soviet Union arranged by foreign travel agencies in association with Sputnik. Sputnik puts the bus travellers up in Moscow, Smolensk, Minsk, Novgorod, Leningrad and other places. Every year, joint cruises for our Soviet and foreign clients on the Black Sea and in the Mediterranean. We also organize specialized training tours for foreign tourists having professional and other interest. With Sputnik's help you can come to the USSR to study Russian.

Another reason why our links with foreign firms are growing so fast is the relatively low cost of the travel facilities we offer. Very few, among the young are well off and, therefore, profit is not our main concern. Most of our tours are on a non-currency clearance basis. Sputnik's aim, in my view, is to give people from abroad opportunity to learn our country, its history and about the life of Soviet people. We are therefore, seeking to extend our network of agents abroad, for the more the better. For this we are now negotiating with many foreign firms.

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## FROM THE SOVIET PRESS

## RAILWAY TRANSPORT IN 1981-1985

With 142,000 km of track (11 per cent of the world total), Soviet rail carries more than half of all railway freight in the world, writes Konstantin Kulikov, Deputy Minister of the Railways of the USSR in the LEBNAYA PROMYSHLENNOST newspaper. The sheer size of the Soviet Union puts an enormous strain on railway operations. With 28 million tonne-kilometres per a kilometre of track the traffic in this country is five times as intensive as, say, in the USA.

In 1985, the cargo turnover will be 3,950 thousand million tonne-kilometres. In other words, this means a 10 per cent increase in the number of passengers to be carried by rail, and a 14 per cent increase in the amount of cargo, over the current five-year plan.

Over the next few years, there will be a sharp increase in coal extraction in the eastern parts of the USSR. A lot of this coal will be transported over thousands of kilometres to other parts of the country. Yet, the lines are overloaded as it is.

Every day, 120 freight and 40 passenger trains travel along the stretch of railway between Omsk and Novosibirsk, with trains following each other at five to seven minutes intervals.

The solution is to expand the railway network. Between 1981 and 1985, over 3,000 kilometres of new track will be built. This will include a 530-km line between Surgut and Uralogorsk, while the Belkhar-Amur Railway, will be opened to traffic. There are plans to update the Central Siberian Railway into a first-class line.

## FAMILY SHOULD BE LOOKED AFTER

Among the host of moral and ethical values created by humankind, the family as a social category has been of a paramount concern to all in all times. No nation or state could dispense with it, which is explained by the big role the family has in the social and private life of every individual, writes V. Avezkov, deputy head of the family and marriage department of the Moscow Soviet Executive Committee, in the GORODSKOYE KUCHAYSTVO MOSKVI.

Quite appropriately a new department dealing with family and marriage matters was set up at the Executive Committee as an independent structural unit designed to coordinate operations of all Moscow Soviet units in matters related to family and marriage, he says.

Many people are concerned about how to consolidate the institute of the family, he contends, and both researchers in labs and in the field are trying to solve this problem. Together with some units of the Moscow Soviet Executive Committee, district Soviets of People's Deputies and public family and marriage departments we have outlined a range of measures to help save household chores time, improve the work of pre-school children's facilities, provide better mother-and-child medical care, and upgrade medico-genetic services for newlyweds, among them childless couples.

Divorce is the reverse side of a family's prestige, a result of unstable family relations, which is always a tragedy. Its consequences have not yet been fully studied, but its adverse effects are many, including the growing number of fatherless families. In 1979 alone there were over 30,000 Moscowites under 16 left without either of the parents. Former parents have little chance of forming a new family, statistics indicate that only 40-odd per cent of men and 25 per cent of women have this opportunity. Hence, people in their 30s face the prospect of staying alone for the rest of their lives, and lots of other problems.

Since the institution of the department we've had over 150 visitors asking advice on various family matters. Psychologists assert that a person must get to the bottom of his troubles to try to overcome them. But there is a vast difference for one between heading opinions of relatives, acquaintances and business associates based on their personal experience and having a qualified specialist put his finger on the real causes of a conflict in joint discussion.

## ARGUMENT FOR COMPACT HOUSING PATTERNS

A progressive improvement in the social aspect of town planning is the main allusion. In the Master Plan for the development of Moscow, to achieve this goal we need to concentrate on intensive and compact building. Doctors are opposed to this, because they argue, denser housing would detract from the social conditions of people's lives. G. Minakova, Candidate of Science (Architecture) and architect M. Shaluyev, argue their case in the magazine STROITELSTVO I ARKHITEKTURA MOSKVI (Construction and Architecture of Moscow).

The compact building of well-appointed buildings with plenty of vegetation and an adequate network of consumer facilities mainly accommodated on the ground

floors of blocks of flats, and the proximity of big city centres go towards the creation of highly desirable residential areas.

Cutting down the area destined to be built over can also be achieved by the use of special types of housing with in-built consumer service facilities, for instance, shops, dry cleaners, laundries, milk dispensaries for artificially fed newborn babies, gyms, creches and kindergartens.

It has been estimated, they state, that on average people take 30 minutes to get to their place of work. This is often the result of extensive patterns of urban housing and, if continued, this trend might further increase travelling time. Hence, the urgent need for intensive housing development patterns.

## FANTASY VERSUS REALISM

We have seen more than once that a story about ordinary events will easily fit any piece of prose about everyday life and morals, writes the literary critic Anatoly Bocharov in the daily PRAVDA newspaper. However, it will go into our minds just as easily as it will soon be forgotten, unless it contains a significant realistic idea. A story of people in their daily lives will only make everyone pause and think when it has something unexpected, explosive and poignant about it. The aesthetic effect appears when the "miraculous" is tactfully introduced into a story of what seems humdrum and routine, as this helps single out the main nerve, the main moral conclusion of the story, drawing the reader's attention to sweeping conclusions.

Such additional, generalizing light is cast in many works of literature of recent years—"Till the Third Cock Crows" a story by Vasily Shukhin, the novel "The Contact" by the Azerbaijan writer Anar, and many others. Even Sergei Zolotarev, who is an acclaimed master of the epic genre, has recently published a story called "The Festival" in which the narrator is a film director who died a year before. We have long become accustomed to voices speaking from the nether world and do not see them as departures from realism. What is important is the range of ideas which an author aspires to in his piece.

The mingling of different fantastic and realistic situations and images produces different aesthetic effects. But the enrichment of the arsenal of expressive means for artistic transformation of reality, undoubtedly opens up novel opportunities for our literature, and it would be a sin to renounce them.



